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PARLOR COMEDIANS.

The Countess Flavia Andorni was charming, twenty-eight years of age, 40,000 lire of income as her dowry and she did not take a husband. Every now and then she refused one. Countess Flavia read a great deal, she invented the fashions which the elegant women imitated, she did not attend first representations at the theater, but preferred second performances; she did not care for poetry, did not use paint or powder, never was ill, journeyed very often, allowed herself to be courted up to a certain limit, never talked politics, liked the conversation of men better than that of women, had gray eyes, dark complexion and brown hair.

Therefore she was called—rightly or wrongly—I have nothing to say about that—a woman of esprit.

The Marquis Ernesto Carafa, thirty-two years old, had a handsome head, with a tawny blond name, a short, aristocratic, tawny beard, 60,000 lire of income and not a sign of a wife. He paid court to all the ladies with a certain graceful nonchalance, danced when others were playing cards, did not cultivate the acquaintance of the corps de ballet, drove his horses himself, did not wear a flower in his buttonhole, did not patronize the fine arts, did not care for music, lent money to his intimate friends, did not aspire to be elected deputy to Rome, loved the mountains like a platonic member of the Alpine club, had no literary proclivities, never wrote love letters, was always in love and never in love. Rightly or wrongly, Ernesto Carafa was called a man of esprit.

These two exceptional beings began, naturally, like others, their acquaintance. Some friend of Flavia said to her, "That Carafa is really a brilliant man; why don't you have him presented to you?" And Ernesto's friends: "Do you know the Countess Andorni? A brilliant woman, my dear fellow." And this thrice four times, twenty times, so that Flavia was bored and Ernesto annoyed by it. They saw each other on a promenade and locked at each other with ill concealed curiosity like two rare beasts, but the countess discovered nothing extraordinary and the marquis shrugged his shoulders for the same reason.

One evening at the San Carlo, the marquis was presented to the countess, in her box, by a friend. Few words were exchanged, and those of the simplest, of the kind that are not in the vocabulary of people of esprit. Ernesto went away soon, smiling ironically upon manufactured fames, and Flavia asked herself if she must add another name to the category of foolish and useless beings already so large among her acquaintances. So when they met—at the theater, in society, at festivals, on the promenade—they exchanged a rather disdainful bow, without seeking to approach each other or to become better acquainted.

But chance—that, far from being a person of esprit, has obstinacies which are quite stupid—made them meet and remain near each other, perforce, at the marriage of a cousin of Flavia with a friend of Ernesto. They resigned themselves to endure each other mutually. Each one thought how to sustain the character attributed to her and to him, in order not to make a poor figure; and there ensued a conversation of paradoxes, retorts, bizarre questions, odd answers, stupendous absurdities, a display of fireworks that ended by bewildering the two pyrotechnicians and putting them into a state of nervousness foreign to their habits. "What a witty and disagreeable man! but I kept up with him," said Flavia when she was alone. "A witty and disagreeable woman; but I was not left behind her," murmured the marquis.

Yet the marquis went with some frequency to the house of the countess, and the countess received him with politicordiality. Both perceived that the people around them enjoyed the relations that united the most witty man and woman in the city; they perceived the slight smiles, the curious attention, with which others sought to take part in their colloquies; the care with which was reported a witticism said by Flavia to Ernesto, or vice versa; in short, they perceived that they were treated by the public as star actors. Were they conscious of playing a part or of speaking the truth? That is the dark point which I shall not illuminate, but it is certain that the little comedy continued, recited with liveliness and much interest. Belonging to the far from numerous class of brilliant people, the two sought to do precisely the opposite of whatever all the others did.

Ernesto had at the very first declared that he would never, never pay court to the countess, and the countess had added that she forbade him to fall in love with her, which is quite the reverse of paying court. Ernesto never sent flowers to Flavia, and she never asked him for confidences, as is customary between friends. The marquis never felt himself obliged to praise the arrangement of the hair, the eyes or the arms of the countess, and the countess avoided speaking of him with her friends. On the subject of love they were in accord; they spoke equally ill and well of it, skimming the topic lightly, of course making witticisms. Upon matrimony it was the same. They never became tender, never were melancholy or pensive. They always feared to talk sentiment after the manner of the crowd. They never hazarded artistic discussions, never discussed of poetry.

All ready made phrases were banished—all conventionalisms, axioms, sentences, classic quotations, lines of poetry, newspaper diction, things that everybody repeats because everybody has begun by saying them. I do not speak of proverbs; they were rigorously prohibited. At first for awhile they amused themselves by citing proverbs upside down, at the cost of causing a shudder to the mighty Solomon and all other collectors of proverbial philosophy; but it was a jest that soon became common, and they let it go. The marquis was always upon guard, fearing to see a smile of scorn appear upon the beautiful mouth of the countess for some involuntary offense against esprit on his part. And on the other hand the countess was wary as to her words, blushing to be caught in a moment of weakness in which she should resemble too much any other woman.

But be too great subservience to their reputation, Flavia and Ernesto began to become rather tiresome; that is to say, not to themselves, but to the people who frequented them. It is natural that brilliant people have many exactions, it is natural that they live a life different from that of the multitude. For example, when they met at a ball, Ernesto saluted the countess and spoke with her for one moment, then took a little turn and came back to say something to her, without even stopping long, but returning often, and people around said that he was right to do so, because she alone could understand him. They frequently danced together for the same reason—and the other admirers of the witty countess were left badly off, disappointed of the remarks or quadrille hoped for in vain. When Flavia went away the marquis moved about the rooms for a little while longer with a bored air; then put on his overcoat and departed because he had no longer any one to talk with.

At the theater Ernesto remained much longer than was his duty in her box, for it is very common to make short visits to ladies. If some poor mortal, in form of a dark youth in a dress coat, marmorally polished shirt front and the relative crash hat, presented himself to the Countess Flavia—if this unhappy but contemptible young man dared venture the customary compliments—an impertinent little laugh stirred the lips of the marquis and a cutting reply came from the rosy mouth of the countess. The result was the precipitate flight of the young man. There was a rumor that the Marquis Ernesto had paid assiduous court to the young Duchess Cesira Galbiati, a very beautiful young woman, tall, with statuesque outlines, great Juanuian eyes, long golden hair, a flower of womanhood, but in the way of intelligence, a goose of the ingenious and conscientious sort; well, it was to be supposed that the Countess Flavia had exploded more than one epigram at the marquis, for he ceased to hover around the Duchess Cesira.

Again, the countess and the marquis had reserved to themselves the privilege of many, very many strange ideas, which they never failed to put into execution. When all the stream of carriages was at the Riviera di Chiaia, Flavia made her turn by the corner of Piedigotta and go by the Corso Vittorio Emanuel; Ernesto described a circle, went by way of the Toledo and the Salvator Rosa and came to meet her. In the winter season, in midst of the amusements, festivals, balls, Flavia fled away all alone to Sorrento, and after three days Ernesto appeared there, bored by the city. At first Flavia had a reception day, then annulled it, seeing that all the other women, her friends, had one, and also because the marquis made fun of days.

The marquis had lost his inveterate habit of going to hunt every year in Calabria. So, little by little, a certain isolation was made around them; the world confessed aloud that in those two was contained the entire wit of Naples, but added, sotto voce, that it was better to leave the two models of wit to fight it out between themselves. Flavia and Ernesto did not perceive this, and when the tardy moment came, in which they found themselves alone, one facing the other, it seemed to them a very simple thing. The public had withdrawn itself—but not in vain was the invention of art for art's sake.

One evening, be it known, in autumn the conversation between those two languished, exhausted. Not that they found nothing more to say, but a certain sense of weariness descended upon them. All the evening their wit had sparkled brilliantly, and the charming epigram, delicate ironies, courteous implications, billing amiabilities had showered uninterruptedly. Now they were silent. The countess extended herself slightly in her armchair; she was adorable under the quiet lamplight; but the marquis, while recognizing this fact, had the good taste not to speak of it. He was playing with a mother of pearl pen handle.

"Marriage is a very fine thing," he murmured, with a pretended air of conviction.

"For the unmarried, yes," the countess quickly retorted.

And she adjusted her lace cravat. Ernesto took a book from the table, read the title and laid it down again.

"Do you know what they say down there about us?"

"I do not know. And I do not care to know."

"Then 'tis a sign that I ought to tell you. Many of our mutual friends are agreed in the opinion that we two are persons of too much wit ever to marry each other."

"Bah!" said the countess, shrugging her shoulders.

"If in order to prove ourselves witty we should do just the contrary. What do you say, countess? It would be charming!" and he opened the Pungolo newspaper to read the locals.

"Charming, indeed," she replied, putting out her hand to take her fan.—Translated from the Italian of Matilde Serao by E. Cavazza for Short Stories.

Many condemn the use of perfume as vulgar, but as long as we have wives and sisters and daughters and sweethearts the industry will flourish.

The Shark Is a Slow Swimmer.

One ill service nature has done the shark, namely, that of placing a triangular fin on his back which acts as a danger signal and gives warning of his approach. Happily, the shark has not been gifted with sufficient sagacity to be aware of this peculiarity, for had he been so he would unquestionably abandon his habit of swimming close to the surface of the water, and would, in that case, be enabled to approach his victim unobserved. The shark is a slow swimmer for his size and strength.

Byron observes, "As darts the dolphin from the shark;" but Byron was a poet, and does not appear to have been a close observer of the habits of inhabitants of the water, or he would have known that a shark would have no more chance of catching a dolphin than a sheep would of overhauling a hare. A shark will keep up with a sailing ship, but it is as much as it can do to follow in the wake of a fast steamer, and a torpedo boat would be able to give it points.—London Standard.

Benzine Cleans Furs.

Nothing cleans soiled fur better than benzine. Actresses immerse their wigs in baths of this liquid with most excellent results. Buy the fluid at a paint store, where ten cents will fill a quart bottle, rather than at the druggist's, where the same amount will cost a quarter. Wash the fur until the benzine remains clear; the first two or three rounds will show fairly black. Be careful not to throw the fluid into any receptacle where by any chance a lighted match may follow.—New York Times.

A Crisis in Spain.

Queen of Spain—Mot gracial The baby king has the stomach ache.

Lord Chamberlain (excitedly)—Woo-o! Call the secretary of the interior.—Good News.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report.
Royal Baking Powder
ABSOLUTELY PURE

JUDGE AND BUNKO MEN.

A NEW YORK CITY JUDICIAL OFFICER'S EXPERIENCE.

Two Smooth Tongued Sharpers Make a Sad Mistake in "Sizing Up" a Man, and One Is Arrested and Sentenced—The "Pal" Meets a Later Fate.

At the Lawyers' club a few nights ago Judge Rufus B. Cowing and Judge Henry A. Gildersleeve were spinning yarns on the queer experiences they have had with the thieving fraternity, when not known. Judges Gildersleeve and Cowing are two jolly and most entertaining companions. They are very popular wherever they go and now and then meet with a sharper who tries to ingratiate himself in their good graces to the extent of as many dollars as they may happen to have in their pockets.

Judge Gildersleeve was telling how he was approached by a bunko man a few years ago at the Pennsylvania railroad depot in Jersey City, and how he crossed the ferry with the "hand shaker," who thought he had made a great capture. Judge Gildersleeve is a famous sportsman and a sharpshooter. He has won many prizes with his rifle at national and international tournaments, and has written a dozen books on rifles, marksmanship and game, big and little. He was returning from a trip to Pennsylvania, where he had had a very pleasurable time shooting with a party of Philadelphia lawyer friends.

He had hardly got off the train at Jersey City when he felt a vigorous slap on the back.

"Why, hello, my dear Mr. Thompson. So glad to see you. Just in from Philadelphia, eh? How are all the folks at home?"

When Judge Gildersleeve got a chance to say a word he replied meekly:

"Yes, just in from Philadelphia. I guess the folks are all well. They were when I left them, anyway."

"Now, I've met you in Philadelphia, I am sure. Don't you remember me?"

THE JUDGE GETS EVEN.

Knowing what sort of a character he had to deal with, Judge Gildersleeve led him on in a modest, innocent way.

"Why, you must be mistaken," said he to the bunko man. "My name is Johnson, Joseph W. Johnson, and I keep a store in Philadelphia."

"Why, I beg a thousand pardons," and the bunko man bowed low and disappeared.

GAVE THE TIP TO HIS "PAL."

Then came the "pal," just as Judge Gildersleeve expected. He was just stepping aboard the Desbrosses Street ferry when he got another slap on the back.

"My dear Mr. Johnson, how are you and what are you doing over here? You don't remember me, but I knew you years ago in Philadelphia," and bunko man No. 2 plied his tongue in the most voluble manner, Judge Gildersleeve assenting to everything he said. The bunko man had got Judge Gildersleeve to promise that he would meet him again when he saw he couldn't get him to join him in a quiet game or a liquid smile.

"Now, my dear Mr. Johnson, don't forget to meet me, will you?" said the bunko man as he stepped out of the ferry house on the New York side.

"Officer, arrest this man," said Judge Gildersleeve to a policeman standing by.

"Say, you old jay, what do you mean?" shouted the bunko man, red with anger.

"We will meet again, young man, in a short time, I hope. I will give you my name and place of business—Henry A. Gildersleeve, judge, Part 3, court of general sessions."

"What's the charge, judge?" asked the policeman.

"Suspicious character."

The next day the bunko man was sent to the island for six months by Justice Power, of the Tombs.

THE "PAL" SENTENCED.

Two months later Judge Gildersleeve had the pleasure of meeting the man who was king of the New York "hand shakers," "Kid" Miller. Miller was the man who first addressed the judge in the depot at Jersey City.

"Miller, I've met you before," said Judge Gildersleeve.

"Not guilty," replied Miller.

"Well, I got off a Pennsylvania train in Jersey City one day two months ago, with a gun and a basket and dressed in my hunting clothes. I had been on a little pleasure expedition, and you saw fit to interfere in the business of a peaceable, law abiding citizen. Your companion is now serving a term on the island, and the strangers who come to town will be better off if you follow suit. One year in the penitentiary," and the bunko king was led away, and if ever a face looked queer it was that dazed bunko man's.

The two bunko men who tried to capture Judge Gildersleeve's shekels had worked New York and vicinity for a long time, yet did not know the face of the criminal court judge. In the case of Recorder Smyth the "hand shaker" was fresh in from the Windy City, and hadn't looked the city officers over so closely as his calling would seem to warrant.

Judge Gildersleeve told me that so far as he knew he and Recorder Smyth were the only criminal judges that had ever been approached by the New York bunko men.

The only other experience Judge Gildersleeve ever had with the crooks outside his courtroom was during the Centennial in Philadelphia. He had his pockets picked while going over the exhibition grounds. He had just been made a judge of the criminal court in this city, and some of his friends, who remember how Judge Gildersleeve felt over the theft, do say that for a long time pickpockets received very little merciful consideration when they were sentenced according to the jury verdicts.—New York Herald.

A Woman's Age, Again.

Querieus—Does Miss Prym believe everything in her Bible?

Cynicus—Yes, except the entry of her birth.—New York Epoch.

The First Iron Ship.

The first iron ship has more reputed birthplaces than Homer. Both the Clyde and the Mersey claim pre-eminence in this respect. Sir E. J. Robison, of Edinburgh, designed an iron vessel in 1816, which was not launched till three years later; and it is said that an iron boat was worked on the Severn even as far back as 1787. Steel was not used in the construction of merchant ships' hulls until 1859. Old salts were not alone in their belief that wood was meant by Providence to float, but iron to go to the bottom. A naval constructor of some repute once said, "Don't talk to me of iron ships; they are contrary to nature." Now none but small craft are built of wood in this country.—Chambers' Journal.

Every Japanese workman is ticketed. He bears on his cap and on his back labels giving his name and business, as well as his employer's name.

A mixture of powdered aluminum and chloride of potash will give a brilliant flash light. It gives no smoke, and is thus far better than magnesium for photographic purposes.

An Apology.

Once, in the house of commons, Mr. Labouchere referred to the conduct of some political opponent as being "unworthy of a pettifogging attorney," and, being called upon by the speaker to withdraw this unparliamentary expression, did so, declaring that he was